



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **TAKADA, Kazuhiko**

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FOR: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING**

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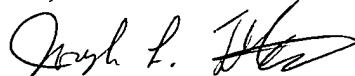
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002 for one-month from January 1, 2003 to February 1, 2003.

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